THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Qualification process of interested bidders is underway and agreerments to be sent to the bidders for inviting the final technical and financial bids have been finalised.

CAG report regarding undervaluation of Modern Food Industries Ltd.

3. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Suspicious mould on this Bread" in Outlook dated the 2nd July, 2001 regarding CAG Report on undervaluation of Modern Food Industries;

(b) if so, the discrepancies observed in CAG's preliminary report on the valuation of MFL; AND

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The observation made in CAGs Preliminary Report on the valuation of MFIL have been replied by the Government in detail.

White Paper on Disinvestment Policy

4. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several Political Parties have demanded a White Paper on disinvestment policy;

(b) if so, whether Government had ignored the demand of the political parties deliberately;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps Government propose to take to bring in the programme of disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Demands have been made for a White Paper on disinvestment policy. A White Paper is intended to contain information or Government's proposals on an issue. The Disinvestment Policy of the Government has been announced from time to time in the Parliament during the Budget speeches. Different aspects of the disinvestment policy have been debated at length in both the Houses of parliament during Budget Debates or at the time of motions like short duration discussions, calling attention motion etc. The Government also clarified various issues relating to disinvestment policy through the replies to the Parliament questions in both the Houses. The disinvestment policy is, therefore, clearly and unambiguously stated. A manual titled "Disinvestment: Policy & Procedures" has been published providing all necessary details, this has been distributed to, among others, all the Members of Parliament.

Revival of Disinvestment Commission

5. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has agreed to revive the Disinvestment Commission with new members;

(b) if so, what were the main points of revival;

(c) how many members were appointed;

(d) what are their qualifications;

(e) to what extent Government have agreed to take a decision on the disinvestment of major PSUs;

(f) the PSUs which will be disinvested during the current year; and